Handicrafts

S. No.	Name of Schemes	Number of projects received	Number of projects sanctioned
1.	Construction of worksheds	One proposal for construction of worksheds The first instalment towards construction has been released	

Sericulture

1.	Special Project for Muga Development under Swarnajayanti Gramin Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)	01	01
2.	Speical Project for Eri Development under SGSY	01	01
3.	Catalytic Development Schemes	11	11

No finalized and complete project is pending with Government of India for sanction.

Progress on the cases against M/s. Perutek Services Limited

*418. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 374 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st March, 2001 and to state:

(a) the details of progress made so far in the two cases against M/s. Perutek Services Limited, Nehru Place, New Delhi, which are under investigation by the Crime Branch, Delhi Police;

(b) the time-frame set for implementing the directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in both the cases under references;

(c) what amount of money, which is locked with the company, has so far been recovered; and

(d) the details of steps Government are currently taking to recover the entire public money locked with the said Company and pass on the same to the respective depositors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The two cases under reference are under trail in the Court.

(b) The High Court of Delhi has not set any time frame in the matter.

(c) and (d) Delhi Police have in connection with this case identified and seized property worth Rs. 5.62 crores, Besides, the persons accused in the case have deposited Rs. 54.55 lakhs with the High Court of Delhi. The matter is *sub-judice* and further course of action will be decided by the Hon'ble Court.

Huge Losses in Defence Stores

*419. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total store losses in Defence services during 1999-2000 amounted to Rs. 186 crore in comparison to Rs. 37.14 crore in 1998-99;

(b) if so, what are the causes that have contributed to such huge losses; and

(c) what corrective measures are being taken to avoid such huge store losses?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The major increase in losses has been in respect of miscellaneous stores, which has gone up from Rs. 23.53 crores in the year 1998-99 to Rs. 157.57 crores in 1999-2000. This is mainly on account of written off charges due to accident of aeroframe/aero-engine pertaining to the period 1995-98 which have been written off in 1999-2000.

Factors contributing to air accidents are constantly examined, reviewed and necessary measures are taken to reduce them. Some of these measures are: steps taken to improve the quality of training, constant interaction with Original Equipment Manufacturers to overcome technical defects, reduction of incidents of bird hit accidents by sanitising populated areas around the airfields.